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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were 5 cents lower on all sizes when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, regional prices were sharply lower on all weights when compared to the previous week. The market tone was weak. Demand was slow to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the light to good demand. Light type hens were mostly sufficient for the moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL All reported prices were lower. Trade sentiment was weak. Retail and loose egg sales were reported as usually light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were increasing in availablility and were reported as adequate to mostly fully adequate. Demand was light to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to cautiously steady.

| | DANIOE | MOSTLY | IA-MN-WI-P | rices paid t | o producers. |
|-------------|---------|---------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | _ | | | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| EXTRA LARGE | | 107-110 | LARGE | 82-91 | 86 |
| LARGE | 103-112 | 105-108 | MEDIUM | 61-67 | 65 |
| MEDIUM | 82-91 | 84-87 | SMALL | 51-55 | 00 |
| | | | OWN | 01 00 | |

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was weak. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for normal to instances less than normal processing schedules. Light hen offerings were adequate for the at least moderate demand.

| | IVAITOL | MOSILI |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 109-123 | 112-116 |
| LARGE | 105-119 | 110-114 |
| MEDIUM | 89-102 | 94-96 |
| NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, N | IH, eastern NJ, easte | ern NY, PA, RI, |
| Northern VA, and VT | | |

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were lower. Trade sentiment was weak. Retail demand was slow to moderate. Food service movement was light. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were increasing in availability and were reported as adequate to mostly fully adequate. Demand was light to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to cautiously steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--|-----------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 111.5-120 | 113-116 |
| LARGE | 110.5-119 | 112-115 |
| MEDIUM | 92.5-101 | 94-97 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,O | K, and TX | |

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was weak. Demand was slow to occasionally moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were mostly sufficient for the at least moderate demand.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--|------------------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 110-130 | 113-116 |
| LARGE | 108-126 | 111-114 |
| MEDIUM | 90-103.25 | 92-96 |
| SOUTHEAST AREA: ALL FLI GAIMS NO. SC. ex | astern TN and southern | VA |

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were 5 cents lower on extra large, large and medium when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was weak. Demand was light to fair entering the week. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present trade requirements.

| RANGE |
|---------|
| 111-115 |
| 109-113 |
| 93-97 |
| |

| MIDWEST REGIONAL |
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|------------------|

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 111-119 | 112-114 |
| LARGE | 109-117 | 110-112 |
| MEDIUM | 88-96 | 89-91 |

<u>WESTERN</u> Prices 12-13 cents lower on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was 9% higher than last Monday with California up 8% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 11%. Retailer demand light. Offerings



<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Prices 13 cents lower on all sizes. The California inventory was 8% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 108.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 157 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 156 |
| LARGE | 149 |
| MEDIUM | 128 |

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AAAND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA | | NORTHERN CA | LIFORNIA |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| | RANGE | | RANGE |
| JUMBO | 309-359 | JUMBO | |
| LARGE | 269-369 | EXTRA LARGE | NOT |
| LARGE | 219-349 | LARGE | AVAILABLE |
| MEDIUM | 199-339 | MEDIUM | |

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 09, 2007 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 02, 2007 were 333,895 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

| Casas purchased | CARTONED | LOOSE | TOTAL | |
|---|----------|--------|---------|--|
| Cases purchased present week | 289,820 | 44,075 | 333,895 | |
| % change from the prior week3 -10 -4 Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent. | | | | |

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were increasing in availability and were reported as adequate to mostly fully adequate. Demand was light to fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to cautiously steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

| | RANGE | MOSILY |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| BREAKING STOCK | 61-64 | 63-64 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 47-54 | 50-52 |
| AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND, | NE,OH,OK | SD,TX,WI |

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged to higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Sales of dressed product were light. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-FEB-07

| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|------|
| | | | AVG |
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 3.75-8.5 CENTS/ | LB. | 6.20 |
| *WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. | SUBJECT TO DIS | COUNT. | |

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Offerings were noted as fair to moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product

was moderate. The undertone was steady to at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-FEB-07

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| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------|--|
| | | | AVG | |
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING 4 | I-8 CENTS/LB. | | 6.42 | |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADIN | G TOO FEW | TO REPORT | | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW | TO REPORT | | |
| * WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT. | | | | |

CANADIAN EGGS QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POUL-TRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2007

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|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
| | 1.97 | 1.95 | 1.73 | 1.19 |
| MINIMUM PRIC | CES FOR PRO | DUCERS F | FOB FARM F | OR WEEK OF |
| JANUARY 22, 2 | 2007 AS SET B | Y ONTARI | IO EGG PRO | DUCERS. |
| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |

1.52

1.30

1.52

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- FEB 05, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | | North | South | | | 5-Area |
|----------|---------|--------|---------------|----------------|-------|---------|--------|
| | Nort | theast | Cent | Cent | Atl | Pacific | C |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 9.8 | 27.9 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 13.7 | 71.2 |
| | Change | -3.3 | 7.2 | 1.6 | -0.2 | -1.9 | 5% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 32.8 | 57.1 | 12.5 | 21.6 | 43.4 | 167.4 |
| | Change | 0.4 | 10.4 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 15% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 34.9 | 117.0 | 80.7 | 86.4 | 112.9 | 431.9 |
| | Change | -11.1 | 35.4 | 19.0 | 9.3 | 14.0 | 18% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 12.6 | 46.2 | 17.9 | 25.0 | 33.5 | 135.2 |
| | Change | -1.6 | 1.6 | 5.9 | 0.7 | 3.5 | 8% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 4.0 | 11.1 | 2.1 | 5.3 | 3.6 | 26.1 |
| | Change | -1.0 | 3.4 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 1.1 | 17% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 2.7 | 17.7 | 12.8 | 14.5 | 6.3 | 54.0 |
| | Change | 0.1 | -10.2 | 2.4 | 4.6 | 0.2 | -5% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 14.7 | 49.2 | 13.2 | 23.0 | 18.8 | 118.9 |
| | Change | -5.1 | 5.3 | 4.2 | -8.0 | -1.0 | -4% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 111.5 | 326.2 | 148.8 | 186.0 | 232.2 | 1004.7 |
| Percent | Change | -16% | 19% | 32% | 6% | 9% | 11% |
| TOTAL | | Numb | er of ases | Perce Chang | | Numbe | |

| TOTAL N | lumber of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Shell Egg | 1,004.7 | 11% | 158 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stoc | k 213.7 | 16% | 33 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1,218.4 | 12% | 191 |

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 158 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV Pacific-AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 02, 2007 17.50 **CURRENT LOADS FUTURE LOADS** 20.00 TOTAL LOADS 37.50 SE NE MW SC NW SW ORG **CLASS** ORG **DST** ORG **DST** ORG DST LOADS **CLASS** ORG **DST DST ORG** DST LOADS GNR W 1 85.25 86.50 5.00 69.00 81.00 GL W J 5.00 GL W J 66.13 4.00 GL W XL 77.50 4.00 GL W XL 92.00 94.00 7.00 64.50 GL W LG 4.00 GL W LG 87.50 90.00 9.00 GL W MD 59.00 2.00 GL W MD 48.00 2.00 GL BR LG — 114.75 .50 **GLWSM** 64.00 66.00 1.00 GL BR LG 100.00 .50 NRBS - 48 3.00

1.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/29/07-02/02/07 **CURRENT LOADS** FUTURE LOADS 78.00 **TOTAL LOADS** 186.25 108.25 NW SE MW SW NE SC **CLASS ORG** DST **ORG** DST **ORG** DST LOADS **CLASS ORG DST ORG** DST **ORG DST LOADS** GNR W 1 92.83 108.25 90.33 94.20 — 102.00 37.00 GNR W 1 96.00 100.08 13.00 GNR BR 1 103.00 5.00 GNR BR 1 -119.505.00 GL W J 69.58 6.00 GL W J 73.50 84.75 8.00 GLW XL 75.00 94.83 96.51 72.65 48.25 GLW XL 90.00 95.13 — 96.00 85.17 18.75 GL W LG -122.0091.25 96.28 64.26 114.00 41.50 GL W LG 117.00 -115.4085.79 23.50 GL W MD 86.80 74.00 60.83 14.75 GL W MD 72.29 83.00 79.80 15.50 61.00 61.90 56.50 GL W SM 64.15 6.00 GL W SM 60.00 64.00 1.00 .25 GL BR XL GL BR XL -124.00.25 100.00 GL BR LG -100.003.25 GL BR LG -113.33— 117.17 3.25 **—** 83.00 GL BR MD 72.00 1.00 GL BR MD 1.00 **NRBS - 50** 63.00 1.00 **NRBS - 48** 54.00 55.00 61.29 63.25 42.00 **NRBS - 45** 49.00 50.00 1.00 NRBS - 42 55.00 58.00 5.00 NRBS - 39 3.00

EIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

| COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands) | | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|--|--|
| ON HAND | 01/29/07 | 01/22/07 | 01/30/06 | | |
| PACIFIC COAST | 31 | 32 | 104 | | |
| LOS ANGELES | 28 | 28 | 100 | | |
| | | | | | |

49.00

50.00

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on all sizes. Supplies are adequate to meet a fair retail demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE AAND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET,

CENTS PER DOZEN. MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE 123.74
LARGE 122.13
MEDIUM 107.65
SMALL 83.00

NRBS - 45

| CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGG | SIN CARTONS FEBR | RUARY 05, 2007 | | | |
|---|------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| (price per carton delivered to first receivers) | | | | | |
| Brown Eggs | CENTS/CARTON | MOSTLY | | | |
| Extra Large doz. | 222 - 261 | 239 - 240 | | | |
| 1/2 doz. | 120 – 151 | 130 - 134 | | | |
| Large doz. 2 | 217 - 250 | 225 - 230 | | | |
| 1/2 doz. | 115 – 142 | 125 - 128 | | | |

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